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NEW YORK ITEMS.

At National Society meeting on Tuesday evening, nineteen were present and much enthusiasm prevailed. The twenty-five lots sold at auction by Mr. Berlepsch realized \$30.55, which was very satisfactory, indeed. In fact, higher prices were obtained for some lots than the usual retail prices.

A Baltimore carrier, 1c. blue, eye type, on original, sold for about \$13.00.

By the way, Mr. Berlepsch is now connected with Henry Gremmel.

W. F. GREGORY.

CHICAGO ITEMS.

Chicago, Oct. 16, 1896.

The anniversary meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, to celebrate its first ten years of existence, was held last evening in the Adams Express building buffet. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance, including a few out-of-town collectors—Mr. Fred S. Smith of Boston, Mr. Geo. B. Tuthill of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., Mr. Westfall of Joliet, and Mr. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro. The ancient history of the society, the early days, doings and members, were discussed. The minutes of the first meeting were read by the secretary. Speeches were made by many members, and everybody had a good time. It was an old-time gathering, which has not been duplicated in many years. Mr. Westfall showed his collection, which contains some fine blocks of U. S. revenues.

Rev. A. Kinnell of Ephraim, Wis., was a visitor to-day.

All the city papers contained notices of the Chicago Philatelic Society anniversary.

Mr. W. C. Kurzweg just returned from a trip through Texas. He came home to register and vote, and claims Texas is going for McKinley.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Send us an order from the DAILY OFFER! Some bargains for somebody.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 14, 1896.

An interesting meeting of the Washington Stamp Club was held last night at the rooms. One of the members exhibited a fine collection of photographs of a large number of U. S. and Confederate provisionals. In order to secure an increased attendance, all who had been absent for several meetings were assigned to various members present to be visited and personally invited to attend more regularly.

Things have been rather quiet here of late, and there has been very little to report. All dealers are looking for a change for the better as soon as the election is over. Though there is no voting done in the District, politics are all the "go" just the same, with everybody at present.

J. M. BARTELS.

A FORGED GENEVA ENVELOPE.

From the London Philatelist.

Those who have read our report of the Geneva exhibition, in last month's issue, will have noted the rarity of these envelopes in used condition. With the exception of the large size, unused, all three varieties—"Ladies," "Medium," and "Square"—are, in fact, of a marked degree of rarity, either unused or postmarked. It was, therefore, with impatience that we anticipated lately the arrival of a specimen noted as in "superb condition." Alas! for the vanity of human aspirations; a momentary glance sufficed to denote a rank forgery. The "envelope" proved to be of the smallest size, as described, but was evidently "hand-made," as the pencil-lines along the flaps clearly denoted! It was, moreover, beautifully postmarked with the Geneva town obliteration, "5 Juni, 48," etc., and the "stamp" bore the well-known red obliteration of a cross surrounded by ornaments, known to Swiss experts as type I. of the Geneva Cantonal postmarks. The curious feature, however, of this forgery, which thus revealed its nature in an instant, is that the stamp is engraved in a bright yellow-green! Needless to say, the design and lettering vary materially from the real thing; but as the general appearance, coupled with a most imposing red seal, is well calculated to deceive the unwary, we deem it advisable to give this note of warning to the philatelic world. As the manufacturers have gone to the trouble of making dies for stamp and postmarks, they are hardly likely to rest content without issuing a quantity; and, moreover, as this forgery is apparently of recent origin, there will doubtless be more to follow.

DAILY OFFER.

Wholesale orders declined from this list. CASH must accompany ALL orders.

*Indicates unused. **Both used and unused. All others used.

*Seychelles, 1896, 18c. on 45c.	\$ 20
*Seychelles, 1892, 12c. on 16c.	10
*Seychelles, 1892, 15c. on 16c.	12
*U. S., 1895, 2c., unsevered pair, triangles II. and III.	50
Nova Scotia, 1851, 3p. blue.	1 00
Paraguay, Official, 1892, 20c. pink.	15
*South African Rep., 1895, 1p. on 2½p.	08
*South African Rep., 1895 ½p. on 1s.	05
Seychelles, 1890, 96c. violet and carm.	90
*South African Rep., 1895, 6p., prov.	20
Bolivia, 1890, 100c. yellow (56th Ed., \$1.50)	50
Brazil, 1894, 1000r. lilac and green.	10
*Belgium, unpaid, 1895, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1fr., set of 5.	60
*Honduras, 1896, 1, 2, 5c., the 3 for.	10
*Peru, 1895, Official, 10c.	15
*Peru, 1895, Official, 20c.	25
*Eritrea, 1892, 45c.	12
*Eritrea, 1895, 45c.	12
*Queensland, 1895, 5 pence.	15
Labuan, 1895, 20c. on 1 dollar, used.	30
*Persia, 1894, 1k. red on yellow.	15
*Peru, 1896, new issue, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 6.	1 00
*Mauritius, 1849-59, magenta.	4 50
*Trinidad, 1850, 1s. blue-black.	4 00
*Queensland, 1861, Registered, yellow.	4 25
Mexico, 1861, 8r. black on red-brown.	1 90
*Cyprus, 1894, 9pi.	35
*Cyprus, 1894, 18pi.	70
*Cyprus, 1894, 45pi.	1 70
Mexico, 1861, 8r. green on red-brown.	2 65
*India, 1895, 5 rupees (56th Ed., \$2.75).	1 85
*India, 1895, 3 rupees (56th Ed., \$1.75).	1 10
*India, 1895, 2 rupees (56th Ed., \$1.20).	75
*Br. East Africa, 1890-94, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a., 1r. (56th Ed., \$2.40), 10 for.	1 50
Bolivia, 1867, 5c. violet (56th Ed., \$5.50).	3 00
*Barbados, 1852, 1p. blue on blued paper (56th Ed., \$4.00).	1 90
*Trinidad, 1854, 1p. dull lilac on white (56th Ed., \$6.00).	2 50
Mexico, 1894, 10 pesos, fine.	8 00
*Bahamas, 1851, unperf. pair 1p. (56th Ed., \$16.00).	8 00
*Shanghai, 1889, 20c. on 100c., red surcharge on blue (56th Ed., \$3.00).	90
Br. N. Borneo, 1887, 25c. (56th Ed., 60c.).	30
Postage extra on all orders if less than \$1.00.	

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NOVEL ADVERTISING.

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From the Lawrence Telegram.

A Haverhill young man has a novel and original way in which to advertise his business. His name is George M. Frame, and he deals in postage stamps. The current values of United States stamps are such as that no value can be attached to them, so that in a canceled state he uses them to inform the public of his business. The back of the stamps, and it was on the two-cent variety I picked up on Essex street last night, contains this inscription: "I buy old postage stamps," and his Haverhill, Mass., address beneath. The idea is as unique as it is original, and hundreds will stoop to pick up a canceled postage stamp in preference to a handbill or business card.